

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims to read as indicated below. The starting point for these amendments is the 19 claims of the originally filed application of September 30, 2003.

1. (currently amended) An automated external defibrillator comprising:  
~~An~~ an information request input;  
a state ~~input parameter~~ indicative of an operational state of the defibrillator;  
an output; and  
a controller which provides context-sensitive rescue information to the output in response to the information request input and the operational state of the defibrillator.
2. (currently amended) The automated external defibrillator of claim 1, further comprising a second state ~~input parameter~~ indicating the defibrillator electrode status, wherein said controller further provides said context-sensitive rescue information based on said second ~~input state parameter.~~
3. (original) The automated external defibrillator of claim 2, wherein said defibrillator electrode status comprises a rescue electrode status, training electrode status or electrode not installed status.
4. (currently amended) The automated external defibrillator of claim 3, wherein said rescue electrode status further comprises an adult electrode status or pediatric electrode status.
5. (currently amended) The automated external defibrillator of claim 1, wherein said state input parameter is responsive to ~~comprises~~ an impedance between electrodes which is indicative of said operational ~~condition~~ state of the defibrillator.
6. (original) The automated external defibrillator of claim 1, wherein said context-sensitive rescue information comprises a CPR instruction.
7. (currently amended) The automated external defibrillator of claim 1, wherein said output is a speaker.
8. (currently amended) The automated external defibrillator of claim 1, wherein the information request input is a button.

9. (currently amended) The automated external defibrillator of claim ~~8~~, wherein said button is selectively activated by said ~~state input controller~~, and wherein said activation is indicated by the automated external defibrillator. ~~The automated external defibrillator of claim 1, wherein said rescue information further comprises defibrillator condition, defibrillation procedure guidance, user reassurance comments, enhanced CPR guidance, and defibrillator administrative guidance.~~

10. (currently amended) A method for operating the automated external defibrillator of claim 1 to provide context-sensitive rescue information to the user of ~~an~~ the automated defibrillator, the method comprising the steps of:  
requesting help through ~~a~~ the information request input;  
determining an operational state of the defibrillator ~~by the defibrillator~~; and  
conveying through an output rescue information based on said requesting step and determining step.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~10~~, further comprising the step of detecting a defibrillator electrode status, and wherein said rescue information is further based on said detecting step.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~11~~, wherein said defibrillator electrode status comprises a rescue electrode status, training electrode status or electrode not installed status.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~12~~, wherein said rescue electrode status further comprises an adult electrode status or pediatric electrode status.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein detecting a defibrillator electrode status further comprises ~~comprising~~ the step of measuring an impedance between electrodes, and wherein said output rescue information is further based on said measuring step.

15. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~10~~, wherein said rescue information comprises a CPR instruction.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~10~~, wherein said output is a speaker.

17. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~10~~, wherein said information request input is a button.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~17~~, further comprising the steps of ~~1~~

selectively activating said button based on said operational state; and  
illuminating said button in response to said activating step.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~1+10~~, wherein said rescue information comprises one of defibrillator condition, defibrillation procedure guidance, user reassurance comments, enhanced CPR guidance, ~~and/or~~ defibrillator administrative guidance.

20. (new) The automated external defibrillator of claim 1, wherein said rescue information further comprises one of defibrillator condition, defibrillation procedure guidance, user reassurance comments, enhanced CPR guidance, or defibrillator administrative guidance.